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In re Application of : SERRE et al.)
U.S. Application No.: To Be Assigned) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Date of National)
Stage Entry : June 30, 2000) Examiner: Unassigned
Based on PCT/FR98/02899)
Filed : December 29, 1998)
For: PEPTIDE EPITOPES RECOGNIZED BY)
ANTI- FILAGGRIN AUTOANTIBODIES)
IN SERUM FROM RHEUMATOID)
ARTHRITIS PATIENTS)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 4.